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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview Dec 18, 2002

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1

Identification of prior art discussed:
Walker et al (US 5,794,207)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:


The interview entailed a general discussion of the novelty of the invention and what limitations of claim 1 express the novelty or the invention. It was agreed to amend the independent claims to read, "recieving bid reponse data from a 'subpool' of said vendors..." rather than "recieving bid response from at least one of said vendors". Amendment with the aforementioned changes are forthcoming.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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